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In re Application of

Akella et al.

Application No. 10/027,015 : ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed May 27, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) mailed February 14, 2002. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A two-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 15, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 6, 2004.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The file is now being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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